

HIA Screening Worksheet

Screening Questions	Response and Supporting Facts
<i>The project, plan or policy <u>has been proposed</u>, a final decision about whether to adopt the proposal <u>has not been made</u>, and there is <u>sufficient time</u> to conduct an analysis before the decision is made.</i>	
<i>Does the decision have the potential to affect, positively or negatively, environmental or social determinants of health that impact health outcomes of a population? Would health inequities be impacted? In what ways? What are the most important health concerns that could be addressed by a HIA?</i> <i>Would those health impacts be considered without an HIA?</i>	
<i>Is the proposal too closely, or too distantly related to health? If applied, would HIA findings and recommendations potentially improve the impact that the project, plan, or policy has on health?</i>	
<i>Who are the stakeholders and interest groups involved in the decision-making process? Do they seem to have the interest and the capacity to participate in an HIA? Would stakeholders use the HIA to inform or influence the decision-making process? How?</i>	
<i>What are some challenges (and by what stakeholders) to change that you might anticipate?</i>	

Other screening questions to consider:	
<i>Is the decision-making process open to HIA and/or recommendations for changes to design, mitigations and alternatives?</i>	
<i>Are there decision alternatives that are more or less advantageous to public health? Would one scenario affect vulnerable populations more than another?</i>	
<i>Have public concerns about the health impacts of the decision been documented (even if these concerns have not explicitly been stated as health concerns)?</i>	
<i>Are the proposal's impacts to health significant in terms of the number of people impacted, the magnitude, breadth and immediacy of impacts?</i>	
<i>Do data and research methods exist to analyze health impacts of concern associated with this decision?</i>	
<i>Is it feasible to analyze the health impacts of the decision in the decision-making time frame? What are some barriers to timely completion that you might anticipate?</i>	
<i>Could the HIA help lead to institutional and/or systemic change?</i>	
<i>What additional information do you need to decide on the overall value of an HIA in this context?</i>	